

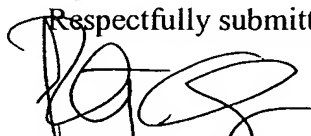
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are now pending. Claims 17 has been amended. No new matter has been added to the amended claim.

An Office action dated January 16, 2004 issued in the parent application U.S. Serial Number 10/378,056, filed February 27, 2003, which has been replaced by the present application. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-16 are allowable. The Examiner also indicated that claim 17 was rejected, along with claims 18-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because the first phrase of lines 2 and 3 of claim 17 failed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter. As noted above, claims 17-20 have been amended, which should overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The amendment was not intended to limit the claims, but to clarify the present invention. Accordingly, all claims are now allowable.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at (650) 326-2400 x5423.

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